



Welcome to the Parish

29th/30th August 2026 Year

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



St Vincent de Paul Society QUEENSLAND

good works

Hello fellow Parishioners,

Our Conference (Immaculate Heart of Mary) started in 1955 in response to a flood disaster and has just celebrated 71 years of service in Bundaberg. Last year we supported nearly 5000 people and just in December gave over \$35K in food cards, Christmas hampers and toys, and also assisted with utility bills, prescription medicines, clothing, household items, furniture, tents and many other forms of assistance according to need. In January we provided over \$48K for school uniforms, school books and stationery.

At Christmas, families face added stress as the housing crisis and the rising cost of living combine to make this a particularly challenging time. Last year, in the lead-up to Christmas, we saw 29% more people seeking assistance than two years earlier.

Support from the parish and parishioners with collections like this, raise community awareness and provide vital funds to support people experiencing poverty and homelessness. It is heartening to know that the Parish and people of Bundaberg are united in this effort, and that the families receiving assistance can feel the community standing behind them.

A family helped at Christmas: Last Christmas, a heavily pregnant woman, her partner, and her two children had recently been reunited but were living in a car after other housing options had fallen through. A few days before Christmas, we helped them settle into a caravan park with a large tent, tarps, deck chairs, food, prescriptions, clothing, bedding, and fairy lights, encouraging them to bunker down for Christmas and feel as though they were on holiday. We provided the essentials they needed, and thankfully, by the time the baby arrived two weeks later, the family had moved into temporary motel accommodation through the Department of Housing.

We also work closely with other organisations and respond to referrals so we can support people as effectively as possible.

What are some of the greatest challenges facing the people we support, and how can the broader community help beyond financial contributions?

The people we support are facing homelessness, mental illness, and the growing difficulty of making ends meet. For example, a single aged pensioner paying \$800 to \$900 a fortnight in rent from a \$1,000 pension has very little left for utilities, car expenses, or food. This creates significant stress for individuals and families, so support with basic needs and a little extra at Christmas is deeply appreciated.

You can help by donating today—every cent is appreciated—or by shopping at Vinnies and donating goods at a Vinnies stores which helps sustain our ongoing good works.

If you feel you could make a difference by joining our Vincentians in the Support Office—using your computer skills or helping with interviews—we are always looking for new members. We also deeply appreciate our long-standing members, whose dedication has sustained this Conference over the years, and warmly welcome the new members who have joined us in our mission of love.

If you are a struggling family, please come and see us at the Support Office, 2 doors up from the McLean St Vinnies Shop on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings 9 – 11.30 am. Please bring ID and proof of children in your care.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

Faye Scherer & Dennis Beckton (Conference Vice Presidents) and our Vincentian team.

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret Naysmith (Conference President)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference Bundaberg
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg respectfully acknowledges the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the country in which we live. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



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Parish News and Announcements

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT- Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division.

The second Social Justice Statement for 2026 "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" was recently launched by the Australian Catholic Bishops to mark **Social Justice Sunday, August 30th**. In our current times of rising hostility, misinformation and polarisation, this statement challenges us to build social cohesion; focusing on empathy, active listening and respectful dialogue; rather than being a part of public division. You can access the statement at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>. A short summary of the statement will be included in an upcoming edition of the Diocesan newsletter.

OUR COMMON HOME - An opportunity to stop and reflect in the Season of Creation using the Laudato Si Encyclical.

Please join us on **Monday 21st September** at The Haven Emu Park from **9.00am-midday**. Finishing with Eucharist and a shared Lunch. No Cost, please bring a plate to share. **RSVP** Monday 14th September via email socialjustice@rok.catholic.net.au or call Derek on 0427 508 164.

ROSTER AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER-JANUARY:

We are organising the next roster for October, November, December and January. If you will be unavailable during any of these months please contact the Parish Office with the dates by Wednesday 2nd September. If you wish to join any ministries please contact the Parish to arrange training.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - GREAT BOOK SWAP

Every year St Joseph's hold a Great Book Swap at school. This year's will be held on Wednesday, **2nd September 2026**.

We hold a Great Book Swap to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) to provide books and learning resources to children living in remote communities across Australia. We aim to raise funds by asking our families to donate a gold coin on the day. Anyone can bring in their once-loved books to our school by Friday 28th August, where they will be sorted into appropriate age-groups.

Books should be in good condition and age appropriate for school children.

For more information you can visit <https://greatbookswap.org.au/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-bundaberg>

Supporting our First Nations people to a better life with improved literacy skills.

CWL LUNCHEON: The CWL will hold their Luncheon on Tuesday **8th September** at the Brothers Sports Club in the Leprechaun Room. Tickets are **\$25.00 pp (Cash Only)** which includes a one course alternate drop meal and lucky door prize. During the luncheon a continuous raffle will be held for charity. Tickets are now on sale at the Parish Office and must be **purchased by Tuesday 1st September**.



ASCEND IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. All students in Years 7-12 are Invited to travel to Brisbane for the 2026 conference as part of our diocesan group.

For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.





SYCAMORE

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Thursday Weekly

4.00 pm
Loyola Centre Shalom College

Please register your name
at the Parish office on 4151 6666

space to meet other people share ideas explore your beliefs



If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support.



CELEBRATING
150 years
1876
2026

Parish News and Announcements

EMBER DAY IN SPRING -Friday 4th September

Have you marked this Friday in your diary?

It is our spring Ember Day here in Australia – a day of fasting and abstinence in recognition of our responsibility to be good stewards of the world's resources. Mass that day will focus particularly on our gratitude for God's creation and, from that, an increased awareness of our need to respect all God provides. It is a special day of prayer and penance.

Though our current understanding of 'ember' relates to "a small piece of burning or glowing coal or wood", this isn't where our Ember Days originate. Instead, it is linked to the seasons and is most likely taken from an old English word... 'ymbryne' meaning a recurring period or referring to a circuit or revolution (from ymb, around, and ryne, a course, running). Here in Australia, our Bishops marked the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring as Ember Days.

We express our gratitude for the abundance that God provides, and we continue to bring to mind the respect and care we need to have for all creation. We pray for the Earth and all it produces, for the human labour that brings us all we need to survive, for the victims of famine and exploitation. The day focuses on the environment, on climate change, and on our need to be good stewards of all God's gifts of creation.

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis encouraged us to 'replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing' (LS §9). Observing Ember Days is a great way to do that.

MEMORABILIA DISPLAY FOR 150YEARS CELEBRATION

The Parish would like to hear from you if you have memorabilia that can be displayed in Novakoski as part of the 150years Celebration in **October 16th -18th**. The Parish Archives holds important documents but we are also looking for items from times gone by. If you have an item you would lend to us for the display, please contact the Parish Office. If you have a photo that would be very useful.

"DO IT FOR CANCER"- FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON.

WHEN: Saturday 17th October 2026 at 11.00am

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, Takalvan Street.

Tickets will be on sale from the Parish Office.

\$40.00 per person will include a Two Course Meal and Lucky Door Prize.

Entertainment will be supplied by students from our Catholic Schools.

The popular multi-draw raffle will also be a feature.



Tickets
on
sale
Now

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for **January 2027 departure**. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaabaesalesians.org.au.

WEEKLY ROSARY TIMES:

Tuesday	10.00am	St James' Church Bargara (After Mass)
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Patrick's Church
Thursday	5.30pm	Holy Rosary Church



Liturgies

Monday 31 August 2026

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 1 September 2026

8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 2 September 2026

8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 3 September 2026

St Gregory the Great
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 4 September 2026 Ember Day

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 5 September 2026

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 6 September 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 33:7-9:

Second Reading

Romans 13: 8-10:

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20:

Our Vision:

Nourished by
Word and Sacraments,
we go out,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to welcome and share
God's Love respectfully,
with all people.



AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies
Phone 07 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP VG

Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Nguyen

Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Operations Manager

Ms Pauline Leahy

Liturgy, Music, Sacramental &
RCIA Co-ordinator

Ms Judy Pidcock

Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin

Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sandra Fox

Receptionist

Mrs Lyn Callaghan

Bereavement Coordinator

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston

Chair

Ms Madonna Davitt

Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett

Secretary

Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O'Rourke

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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**St Patrick's Catholic
Primary School**

Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard

Principal

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Shalom College
Mr Dean Wearmouth

Principal

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

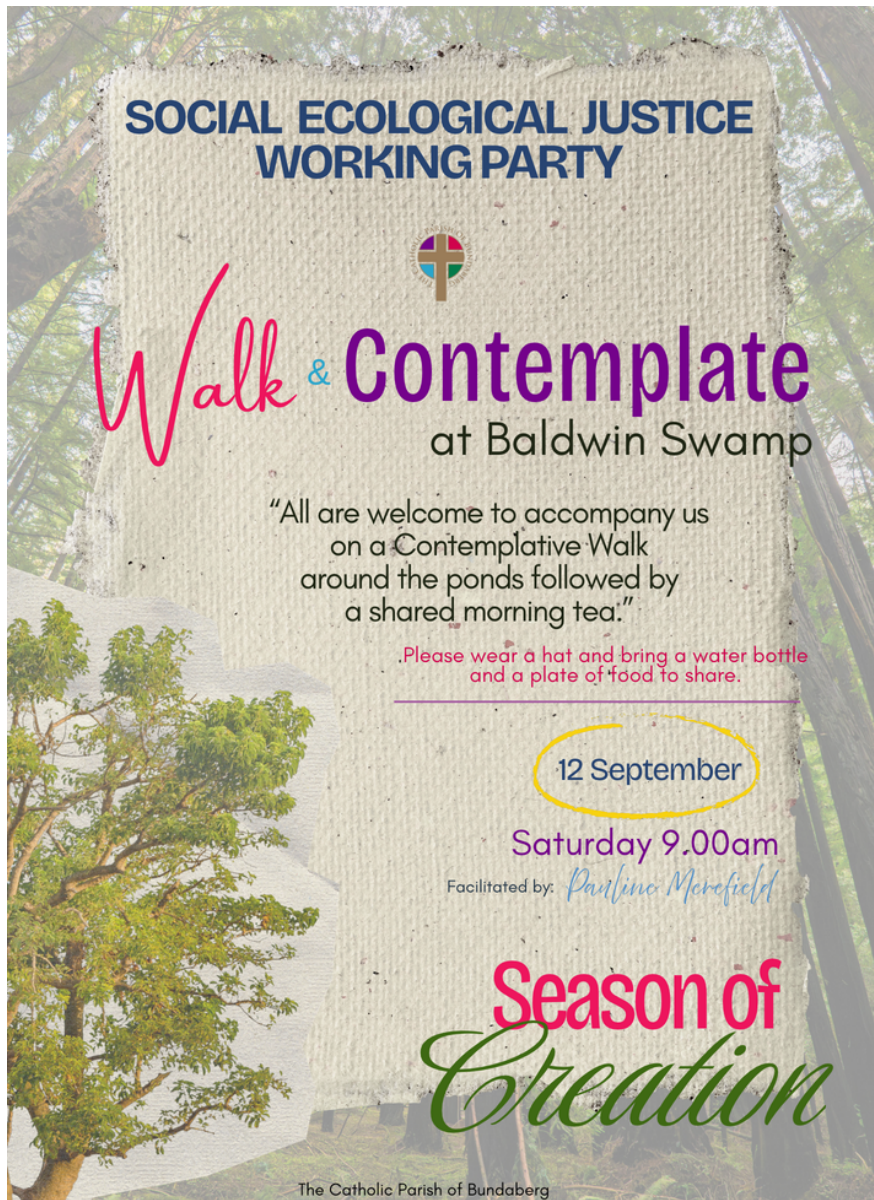
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Barga



**SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE
WORKING PARTY**

Walk & Contemplate
at Baldwin Swamp

"All are welcome to accompany us
on a Contemplative Walk
around the ponds followed by
a shared morning tea."

Please wear a hat and bring a water bottle
and a plate of food to share.

12 September

Saturday 9.00am

Facilitated by: *Pauline Marefield*

**Season of
Creation**

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joe Galea, Bruce Patrick Gillespie, Graham Hocking, Patricia "Pat" Sawtell, Stefan Krug, Frank Castelli, Mary Attard.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mario Crawford 7.09.2025, Ken Bennett 6.09.2024, Phillip Cafolla 5.09.1995, Shane Hocking 23.11.2018, Cameron Hocking 20.07.2022, Damian Mullins 1.09.2024, Agostino Asnicar 1.09.2019, John Blundell 28.09.2019, Attilio D'Addario 30.08.2010, Siebert Schafer 13.09.2002, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Levene Bailey 3.08.2023, Jovita P Espiritu 15.08.2012, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, Mary Patterson 27.09.2023, Annina Maglicco 29.08.1998, Eithel Crawford 18.08, Josephine Cafolla 24.08.2014,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Formosa and Grima Families, Holy Souls, George, Zillah and George Jnr, Dominic Attard, Philly's Micolas, Ramon D Andres, Rosa Andres, Gerry Walsh, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza, Deceased relatives of the Benvenuto Barazza & Parussini Families, Socorro R Cruz, Glorina R Somera, Orencio R Cruz, Filipinas & Carmen Cruz, Fetrin Family, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Joseph Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea, deceased relatives of the Galea, & Zahra Families, Kevin and Doris Whalley.



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton
abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022), and is committed
to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further
information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:
Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net,
Diocesan website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>
To view the Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy:
www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Ozcare: 1800 692 273
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